

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Amend claims 1-3 and add new claims 4-7.

CLAIMS

If entered, this listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (currently amended): A method of shipping over a network comprising:

providing a master account and a database of shipping information to a customer, said master account and said database residing on one or more computers;

~~[said master account providing]~~ providing first software routines on one of said computers that allow the customer [the ability] to create and alter subaccounts related to said master account, said subaccounts also residing on one of said computers, said master account and said subaccounts comprising a supply chain;

~~[said master account also permitting said]~~ providing second software routines on one of said computers that allow the customer to maintain and manage [a] said database of shipping information for [a] said supply chain, said second software routines allowing the customer to directly control shipping within said supply chain;

~~[said supply chain comprising the master account and subaccounts of said master account; and]~~

wherein said first and second software routines [master account also permitting]

also allow [said] the customer to manage [billing for] shipping activities of said supply chain.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said subaccounts ~~[may be either limited access accounts or complete access accounts;]~~ are chosen from the group consisting of accounts with restricted ability to ship within said supply chain and accounts with unrestricted ability to ship within said supply chain.

~~[a limited access account being a subaccount with restricted ability to ship within the supply chain; and]~~

~~[a complete access account being a subaccount with unrestricted ability to ship.]~~

Claim 3. (currently amended): A system for coordinating shipping for a supply chain comprising:

a) a first server computer containing master and subaccounts representing a supply chain;

b) a network connected to said first server computer, wherein a customer can remotely access said first server computer;

c) a database residing on said first server computer or on a second server computer containing account information and shipping information related to said supply chain, and

d) ~~[programs or]~~ software routines residing on [said] at least one of said server computers enabling [a] said customer to remotely manage and maintain [a] said master account [of] and said subaccounts for shipping in said supply chain and to directly control shipping in said supply chain.

Claim 4. (new): A supply chain shipping control system including one or more server computers, a network coupled to at least one of said server computers and a plurality of customers accessing at least one of said server computers over the network, each customer having at least one master account comprising:

a database residing on one of said server computers, said database containing shipping information for a supply chain;

a first web page supplied by one of said server computers and accessible to said customers wherein a particular customer can create and manage subaccounts related to that customer's master account;

a second web page supplied by one of said server computers and accessible to said customers wherein said particular customer can access data from said database;

a third web page supplied by one of server computers and accessible to said customers wherein said particular customer can directly order shipping within said supply chain from one of said subaccounts.

Claim 5. (new): The system of claim 4 wherein some of said subaccounts have unrestricted shipping privileges.

Claim 6. (new): The system of claim 4 wherein some of said subaccounts have restricted shipping privileges.

Claim 7. (new): The system of claim 4 further comprising a fourth web page supplied by one of said server computers and accessible to said customers wherein said particular customer can manage billing or other shipping activities for said supply chain.